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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM ELIOT

1. MY MEETING WITH DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH TOOK PLACE BEFORE
I RECEIVED REFTEL AND IS REPORTED IN KABUL 0837.

2. WHAT CONCERNS ME, IF WE DECIDE TO RESUME ARMS SUPPLY
TO PAKISTAN, IS THAT WE WILL GET A REACTION HERE, WHICH
WILL BE CERTAINLY AIDED AND ABETTED BY THE INDIANS,
WHICH WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR EFFORTS TO
REDUCE TENSIONS IN THIS AREA. AS I HAVE SAID IN OTHER
MESSAGES, I THINK THE AFGHAN REACTION CAN BE KEPT
WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS, BUT OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE
THIS WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF WE CAN GIVE THEM A FULL
RATIONALE FOR OUR NEW POLICY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
THE THREE POINTS CONTAINED IN STATE 26449. TO
DEMONSTRATE TO THEM THAT WE TAKE THEIR CONCERN SERIOUSLY
AND THEREFORE GIVE US AN ADDED OPPORTUNITY TO
INFLUENCE THEIR REACTION, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE
TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS OUR NEW POLICY WITH THEM PRIOR
TO ITS BEING ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.
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